



Thanks, Tom. I think I really need to be involved with Ecology in the DQO, for reasons I'm sure you can guess and that I'd prefer not putting in an e-mail, reasons for which I'm also sure you can guess. I'm quite sure I'll have numerous and significant regulatory concerns with respect to Ecology's basis for LLBG wells. Overall, I'm in full agreement with you. I've not been able to get back to the guidance, but I can report that this morning I got an Ecology project manager, and Ecology hydrogeologist, an Ecology permit writer, and myself to agree on a regulatory pathway/permitting issue. If you don't mind me saying so, I'm quite proud of the accomplishment, and believe it is ample justification for not having gotten back to the guidance!!!!!

That said, I'm hoping to work in the Project office Friday, so if you are in or available that day, it would be an excellent chance to really polish up the guidance.

You can catch me by cell phone this week at (509) 948-3212.

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Subject Burial Grounds DQO

Dave,

I had a phone conversation with Mike Thompson today. He's still trying to get a proposed plan from his contractor for installing numerous groundwater wells between now and 2011. He can get that to us when it's completed.

He gave me a heads-up that in the next six months, DOE and Ecology will probably start a DQO process for installing wells at all Low-Level Burial Grounds (this type of DQO will go on a long time).

Ecology wants a lot more wells than DOE does at these sites. DOE would prefer to make sure that all wells installed add some value. So, later this year this DQO process may be something both of our programs can help with. You can provide permitting/monitoring guidance and we can communicate our characterization needs for the CERCLA groundwater operable units. I think your draft guidance could be very useful in the DQO discussions. I still need to go over my comments with you sometime.

Another issue that may be relevant is that after TPA milestone negotiations are completed (years?) Ecology and EPA will probably push for more pump and treats in the 200 Areas. Mike believes that certain monitoring well locations may add even less value as the groundwater gradients are potentially impacted by pumping and treating.

Maybe the next time you're out here we could get together for an hour and review your guidance. I really think it will be useful for Ecology. While not everyone can change their minds at Ecology, there are still those who can.

Take Care.

Tom